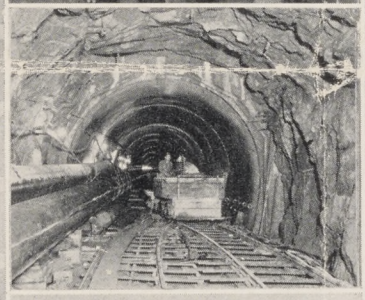

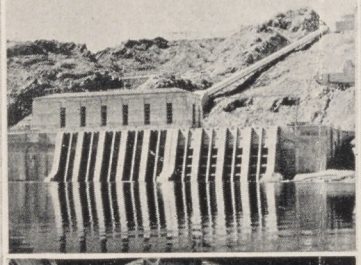

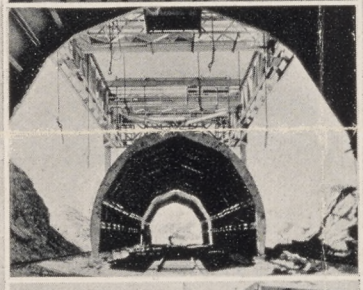

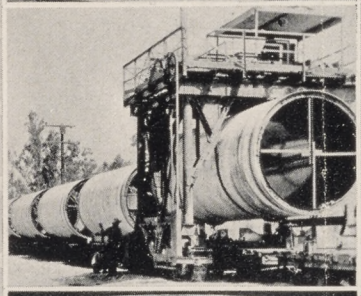

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On Rancho La Brea in the year 1840, little Juan and his Grandfather look for the vision of the Golden Cities. From the motion picture, "The Thirteen Golden Cities."

Thirteen Golden Cities

Here are the thirteen cities which comprise The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California:

Los Angeles

Anaheim	Fullerton	San Marino
Beverly Hills	Glendale	Santa Ana
Burbank	Long Beach	Santa Monica
Compton	Pasadena	Torrance

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THE THIRTEEN GOLDEN CITIES is the authentic motion picture story of the world's greatest Aqueduct —presented upon the background of California"s romantic and colorful history.

It is a story which contains the powerful elements of an heroic human drama.

In this film . . .

. . . we see the early Californians as they lived upon their broad ranchos a hundred years ago.

. . . we see the ever-growing menace of a destructive Drought in the rich metropolitan area of Southern California.

. . . we see the vision of civic leaders who sought out the distant Colorado River as the one dependable source of an adequate water supply.

. . . we see the courage of the people who voted a bond issue of $220,000,000 to finance the construction of the giant Metropolitan Aqueduct.

. . . we see the heroic toil of a peacetime army of 35,000 workers who have built this man-made waterway across a scorching desert wasteland.

. . . we see the giant Aqueduct system as it is today, extending clear across the state—392 miles in length.

. . . we see the thirteen cities of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California now provided with the everlasting wealth of an abundant water supply from the Colorado River.

It is the story of the Thirteen Golden Cities.

Artist's map of Aqueduct system, built to deliver water from the Colorado River . . . all the way across the state of California . . . to the thirteen cities of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Thirteen Facts to Remember

Southern California is a semi-arid region. Its average rainfall is far below its water needs.

Thus far, development has been made possible, to a large extent, by drawing heavily upon age-old underground water basins.

These underground reserves are being exhausted. Additional water from an outside source is urgently required.

Engineering studies, started many years ago, revealed that the only remaining, dependable water supply source is the Colorado River.

In 1923 engineering studies and surveys were set under way to discover the best and most economical route for an aqueduct from the Colorado River. The route was selected in 1931.

Realizing their common need for water, a number of Southern California cities in 1928 organized, under the State law, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

This District is a governmental division of the State. It is not to be confused with municipal and private water systems or departments.

On September 29, 1931, the citizens of the thirteen District cities, by a majority of 5 to 1, voted a bond issue of $220,000,000 to finance the construction of the Aqueduct.

Construction work on the Aqueduct was started in December, 1932. It will be ready for operation in 1939.

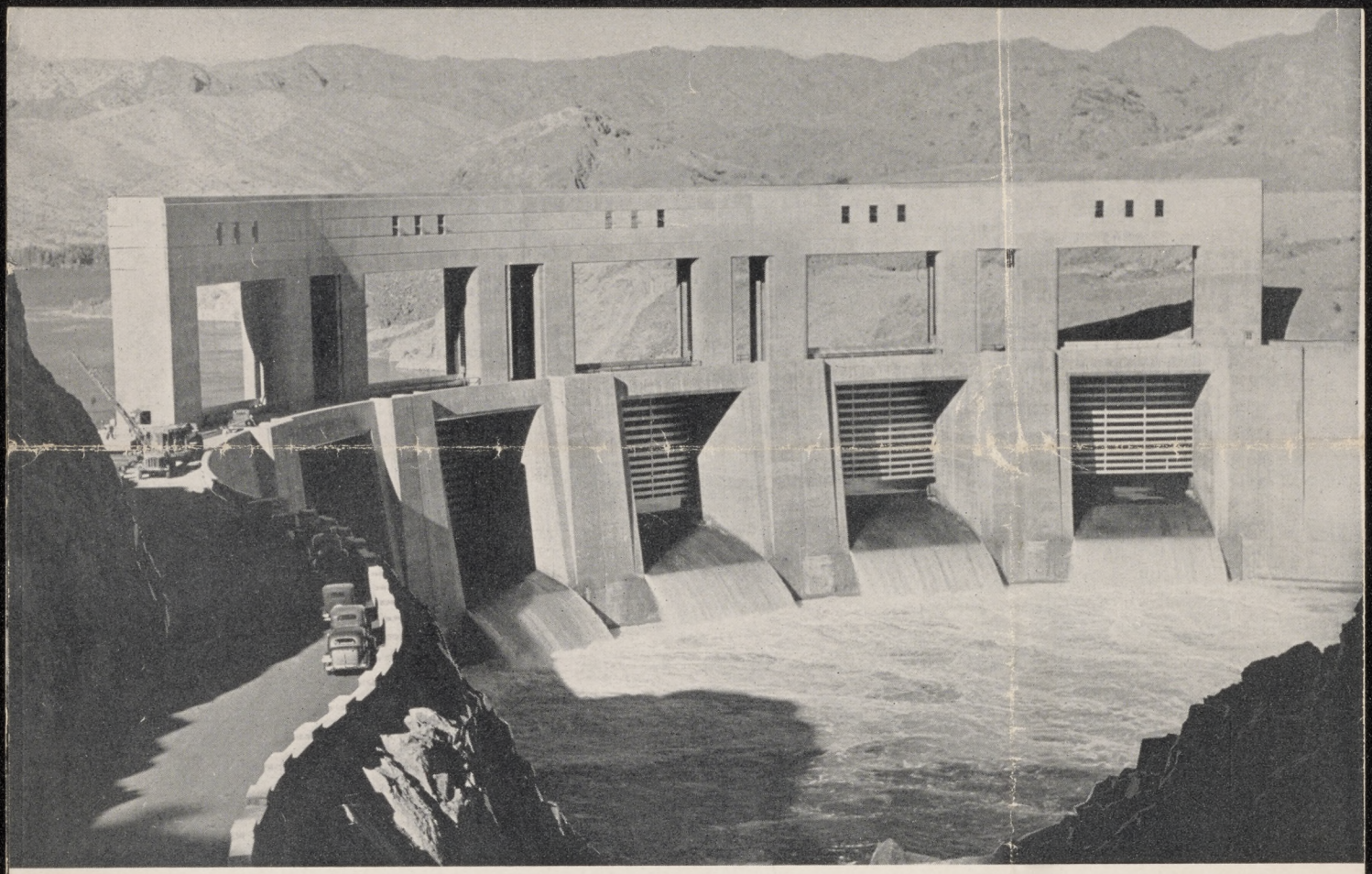
The Aqueduct is the largest domestic water supply system in the world. It is 392 miles in length and includes 108 miles of hard-rock tunnels.

A billion gallons of water a day will be delivered to the District cities by the giant Aqueduct. This water will be available exclusively to areas now or hereafter included within the District.

More than 35,000 men were given gainful employment on the construction of the Aqueduct.

With the Aqueduct now 90 per cent completed, it is evident that it will be built at a cost many millions of dollars less than the original estimates.

Note: These facts are based upon official records of the State of California and the Metropolitan Water District.



PARKER DAM on the Colorado River is a part of the Aqueduct system. Behind this dam the Aqueduct has its Intake.

How to Secure a Showing of...

The Thirteen Golden Cities

The film is available for exhibition before representative Educational, Civic, Service, and Patriotic organizations. In 35 m.m. and 16 m.m. prints. Operator and projection equipment for 16 m.m. provided, without charge, if required. Exhibition time . . . 25 minutes.

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